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YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING

by Eleanor C. Harris, Director
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The term "Young People" is here defined as boys and girls in Junior High School or 7th grade through the sophomore year, ages 12 to 16, approximately. These youngsters are growing up, physically and mentally, reaching out for independence from family ties and adult restraints. Some are show-offs, others painfully shy, all covering up uncertainties and feelings of insecurity with false fronts or traveling together in noisy crowds. They can be extremely irritating. To serve them in the library, you need to be fond of them, patient and able to see behind the first impression received.

The good readers have exhausted the children's section but feel lost among the adult books. The poor readers could still find plenty to read on the children's shelves but socially, it just isn't done! How can we help them make the transition to adult reading, keep them coming to the library, and yet tolerate their bumptiousness?

Many larger libraries have found the answer in a Young People's Room where teen-agers can find the books which will interest them; where they will not annoy, with their giggles, their calf love and their traveling in noisy groups, those adults who have forgotten what it is to be going through adolescence; where they may be themsleves. Smaller libraries seldom have space which can be turned over for their use. Maybe not even a corner of the main room can be spared, but any library can pick out a section of shelving or a small book case and bring together titles young people will enjoy reading. Books by such authors as Betty Cavanna, Maureen Daly, Phyllis Whitney, Keith Robertson, John Tunis, Stephen Meader, will serve as starting fare. To these you might add adult books, both fiction and nonfiction, which would appeal especially to younger readers; romance for the girls, adventure for the boys, modern books which are fresh and attractive, books about life today as it is being discussed in the newspaper, on radio and TV, living personalities, young people like themselves, humor.

Remember that these boys and girls are involved in many extracurricular activities at school, in their churches and in community life, all of which take up their time. If they are to continue reading, that reading must be easily obtained, of absorbing interest, compelling. Even the best readers, the bookworms of 4th and 5th grade days, find activities crowding in on their reading time. So start out in a small way. Pick some sure-fire titles, set them out attractively. Mark the book cards temporarily to show you

are keeping these books in a special place for your teen-agers. Do not bother to change your catalog, call numbers, etc. This is just an experiment to see if they will use a special section.

The books should be fresh and eye-catching. Try brightening up some of the dull, shabby exteriors with plastic covers. If you are lucky enough to have the book jackets for them still cached away for bulletin board display, use them. Wallpaper makes attractive lining material for plastic covers. Discarded wallpaper sample books are a good source of material or lining paper may be purchased from concerns selling the covers. Dog-eared book jackets may be cut up for pictures, titles, blurbs to make new liners. Just having the blurb pasted in the front will start circulation of a book which has been overlooked by readers. Annotations cut from catalogs, reviews or advertisements help. While it is time-consuming, typed annotations for some books pay off well. The better you know your books, the better you can sell them to young people. They want to know if YOU have read them, if you LIKED them and WHY?

You have started your collection on a section of shelving or even on one shelf. Does anyone else know it is there? To quote Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore, "You must stir it and stump it and blow your own trumpet, or trust me you haven't a chance." Put a sign on the shelf. Announce it in the local paper. Send word to the school. Better yet, go to the school and talk about it at an assembly or in individual classrooms or in the school library, taking a few of the books along with you to talk about. The school principal and librarian will be glad to cooperate if you plan ahead far enough to fit your visit into their schedule.

A small library will not feel it can duplicate titles already on the juvenile or adult shelves. Why not borrow from these shelves from time to time and keep changing the book collection, especially if you only have a small space for YP books? If you decide to continue with a YP shelf, you will begin buying for it. These books should be marked YP and remain there.

Help in the selection of books for young people may be found in a number of places. The ALA Booklist has a YP section, The Bookmark places a Y before those titles in its "Recent Books" section which are suitable. Readers' Choice of Current Books, Section 2, of the Wilson Library Bulletin has a YP section. In the Horn Book Magazine are two places for help: the main book list, which has a section for older boys and girls, and the Outlook Tower by Margaret Scoggin.

Two useful bibliographies which list the books under inviting subject headings are Books for the Teen Age, published annually in January by the New York Public Library and Patterns in Reading; an Annotated Book List for Young People, by Jean C. Roos, ALA 1954. They can be handed to young people to browse through or be used by the librarian as an excellent source for annotations, suggestions for selection and purchase. To guide your own thinking and that of parents, counselors and teachers, the following books are recommended heartily: Duff, Annis, Longer flight; a family grows up with books. Viking, 1955; Munson, Amelia, An ample field; books and young people. ALA, 1950. They are almost "Bibles" for anyone working with young people's reading, broadening both understanding of the boys and girls and knowledge of the books available.

Recent Books

A SELECTION

Suggested by Book Information Section
Florence Boochever, Editor — Laura E. McDowell

Recommendations: *of first interest; Y for young people; P for prisons; R for reformatories; H for mental hospitals.

Nonfiction

YP *Beatty, C.R.L. De Lesseps of Suez; the man and his times. Harper.
R $4.50.
Lively, thoroughly grounded "re-trial" of an enthusiast and idealist, tracing his heritage, diverse activities, Suez Canal triumph and Panama debacle. Map, photographs. Bibliography, index. B or 92

Bowen, Mrs. C.D. The lion and the throne; the life and times of Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634). Little. $6.
The long career of Queen Elizabeth's Attorney General who, as Chief Justice under James I, championed free speech and parliamentary privilege, is evoked in a vivacious, richly researched narrative. Notes, bibliography, references, index. B or 92

PR Boyden, D.D. An introduction to music. Knopf. $7.50.
H Admirably complete and lucid text for student and general reader dealing in Part I with the fundamental "how" of understanding and listening to music as a whole and in Part II with the "what" and "why" in chronological arrangement with clarifying cross references. Photographs, musical notations. Appendixes, index. 780.15

Brooks, M.J. & others. The magic world of flower arranging. Barrows. $10.
Emphasizing the interrelationship of living plants and inanimate objects, this handsome quarto follows the general form of a flower-show schedule, using a number of classes to permit a wide range of subjects. Fully illustrated with photographs, mostly full-page, some in color. (Good gift to the library). 635.9

YP Buchwald, Art. The brave coward. Harper. $3.50.
R Selections from the humorist's columns in the New York Herald Tribune, written from the Paris office, deal characteristically with the "International Set", covering such varied subjects as cricket, bullfighting, horseracing and costume balls. Drawings. 817.5

YP *Chubb, Mary. City in the sand. Crowell. $3.95.
RH The author of Nefertiti lived here gaily recounts her adventures as

secretary of an expedition to Mesopotamia, describing the work of the group and its important archeological discoveries. Map, photographs. 913.358

YP *Crompton, John, pseud. The living sea. Doubleday. $3.95.
RH Authentic, nontechnical description of the sea and its creatures, enlivened with fascinating facts and anecdotes about their behavior. Drawings. Bibliography, appendix. 591.92

Drucker, P.F. America's next twenty years. Harper. $2.75.
Astutely examines the coming labor shortage, automation, education and political trends, warning that our domestic future will depend to large extent on "our international wisdom and leadership." 330.973

YP *Dufek, G.J. Operation Deepfreeze. Harcourt. $5.
RH How U.S. Navy Task Force 43 was organized to provide logistic support for the International Geophysical Year 1957-58 is related in a direct, exciting report by the veteran Commander. Maps, photographs, plans. Bibliography, index. 919.9

YP Farre, Rowena. Seal morning. Rinehart. $3.50.
RH Unusual, charmingly related account of a seven-year stay on a remote Scottish croft and the many strange animal pets, particularly the talented seal, Lora, trained and cherished by the young author and her aunt. Delightful illustrations. 599.748

Flanner, Janet. Men and monuments. Harper. $5.
A Preface is added to the brilliant essays on Malraux, Matisse, Braque, Picasso and the looting of art in World War II, originally printed in The New Yorker. Photographs. Index. 704.91

YP *Halliday, F.E. Shakespeare, a pictorial biography. Studio. $5.95.
RH Attractive small quarto describing the life and work of Shakespeare in simple, scholarly text with exquisite photographs of the Stratford country and facsimiles of records. Genealogical table, notes on the pictures, index. B or 92

YP *Hatch, Alden, & Walshe, Seamus. Crown of glory; the life of Pope Pius
RH XII. Hawthorn Bks. $4.95.
Reverent, popular biography based on careful research, written by an American Protestant and an Irish Roman Catholic with the imprimatur of the Roman Catholic Church. Photographs and drawings. Index. B or 92

Highet, Gilbert. Poets in a landscape. Knopf. $6.50.
With the noted classicist as guide and interpreter, the reader visits Italy, "home and inspiration of seven of the greatest Roman poets," obtaining fresh insight into their character and work. Translations and photographs by the author. Index. 871

YP *Hiscock, E.C. Around the world in Wanderer III. Oxford Univ. $6.
RH In 1952 the author with his wife left Yarmouth, England in their 30-foot yacht and this is a delightful record of experiences afloat and ashore during a voyage of nearly three years without mishap. Maps, photographs. Appendixes, index. 910.4

Kendrick, T.D. The Lisbon earthquake. Lippincott. $4.
The great catastrophe of 1755 is presented by the director and chief librarian of the British Museum in the framework of contemporary theological thinking as marking the end of the age of optimism. Maps, photographs. Bibliographical note, index. 946.94

*Lees, Hannah. Help your husband stay alive! Appleton. $3.75.
A sane and stimulating discussion of ways in which women can prolong the lives of American men through satisfactions and fulfillment. 173.3

YP *Lord, Walter. Day of infamy. Holt. $3.95.
R From interviews with both military and civilian survivors of Pearl Harbor, the author pieces together a compelling story of individual reactions to December 7, 1941, detailing the long-range planning of the Japanese. Maps, photographs. Contributors. Index. Shortened version appeared in Life magazine. 940.542

Lundin, C.L. Finland in the second World War. Indiana Univ. $5.
This enlightening study traces successive phases of Finland's international relations in World War II, stressing the problems of "democratic survival in an age of expanding totalitaranism." Map. Bibliography, notes, index. 940.53

YP McCracken, Harold. Hunters of the stormy sea. Doubleday. $4.50.
R Well-researched, interesting account of Russia's century-old monopoly of the profitable sea otter trade and the events in American frontier history that led to our purchase of Alaska in 1867. Endpaper map. Notes, index. 979.8

YP *Mann, Martin. Peacetime uses of atomic energy. Crowell. $4.50.
RH Simple text and remarkably clear photographs indicate present and future values of atomic energy in modern living. Glossary. 621.48

YP *Marney, Carlyle. Faith in conflict. Abingdon. $2.50.
RH In the form of conversations between a Christian and a brilliant skeptic at the Grand Canyon, the Christian's answers to the problems of science, evil, culture and death are provocatively presented by the pastor of First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. Index. 201

Michener, J.A. The bridge at Andau. Random. $3.50.
Carefully checked, composite case histories of people interviewed at the Austrian border after the Hungarian revolt testify to the brutality and planned aggression of Russian Communism against which urgent warning is given. Horrifying details. Map. 940.55

YP Morgan, W.J. The O.S.S. and I. Norton. $3.75.
R An American psychologist's genial, absorbing account of the training of secret service candidates at the British Selection Assessment Board at Pemberley during World War II and later hazardous service with the Maquis in France. Photographs. 940.58

National Manpower Council. Womanpower; a statement with chapters by the Council staff. Columbia Univ. $5.
Contributing to "a fuller understanding of the nation's manpower

resources by illuminating the present role of women in the working population," this important study discusses the revolution in women's employment in the 20th century and its influence on future public policy issues. Figures, tables. Bibliography, index. 396.5

YP *Nkrumah, Kwame. Ghana; the autobiography of Kwame Nkrumah. Nelson. $5.
RH Candid, absorbing narrative, detailing the heritage, schooling and political interests of the first Prime Minister of the Gold Coast, now known as Ghana, its independence achieved. Map, photographs. Appendixes, no index. B or 92

Oser, Jacob. Must men starve? the Malthusian controversy. Abelard-Schuman. $4.50.
Ably examines living conditions in Asia, Africa, Latin America and parts of Oceania, pointing out that soil resources can be the basis of a continually expanding food supply. Tables, index. 338.15

YP *Peale, N.V. Stay alive all your life. Prentice-Hall. $3.95.
RH Citing the experiences of people he has known, the popular minister shows how to put "positive thoughts into action, and by believing and having faith in their power, succeed in achieving what you want out of life." 248

Y Perles, Alfred, ed. Great true spy adventures. Arco. $3.
"A selection of the most baffling military espionage adventures of modern times, from 1914 to the present nuclear age, via the second world war." 351.74

YP Rampa, T.L. The third eye; the autobiography of a Tibetan lama.
R Doubleday. $3.50.
At seven, the author was admitted to Chakpori Lamasery, the Temple of Tibetan Medicine, and this is the rare, unembellished revelation of the severe discipline and strange beliefs that are part of the making of a lama and abbot. Illustrated. B or 92

PR Scheer, G.F. & Rankin, H.F. Rebels and redcoats. World Pub. Co. $7.50.
Conveying "a contemporaneous impression of the war of 1776," quoted words of men and women of the period are linked by explanatory passages to form a continuous narrative. Maps. Notes, bibliography, index. 973.3

Schlesinger, A.M. Jr. The age of Roosevelt. v.1, The crisis of the old order, 1919-1933. Houghton. $6.
With verve and scholarship, the personalities and events that preceded Franklin D. Roosevelt's assumption of the Presidency are portrayed in the first of a projected four-volume study. Notes, index. 973.91

YP *Schoenbrun, David. As France goes. Harper. $5.
RH Sparkling, fully informed interpretation of the diverse facets of contemporary France in the light of the historical forces that have influenced her, by the CBS Paris correspondent. Index. 944

Swinnerton, F.A. Background with chorus; a footnote to changes in English literary fashion between 1901 and 1917. Farrar. $3.75.

Fascinating reminiscence presented "upon a thread of autobiography," with a succeeding volume promised. Portrait frontispiece. Index. 820.9

PR Stanley, Mrs. I.D. The unforgotten. Beacon. $4.95.
The two lives of a gifted woman, emotionally but simply told, -- in Nazi Germany as the daughter of Berlin's leading rabbi and flight to the United States with her small son where she found new love and a mission of peace. B or 92

YP *Tassos, John. The underwater world. Prentice-Hall. $4.95.
RH "A complete guide to diving, spearfishing, and other underwater secrets" (subtitle), valuable to novice or veteran, suggests safety measures and describes the techniques and equipment for photography, treasure hunting, shell collecting and salvage. Photographs. Index. 797.2

YP *Toland, John. Ships in the sky; the story of the great dirigibles.
R Holt. $4.95.
Excitingly traces the development of lighter-than-air flights from the first balloon ascent in 1783 to the Hindenburg disaster in 1937 which brought an end to commercial airship travel. Photographs. Index. 629.13

*Williams, Mrs. Margaret. The well-fed bridegroom. Doubleday. $3.
Filled with sensible household hints and menus and recipes that range from the simple and inexpensive to the more complex and luxurious, this inviting book should dispel the fears of the uninitiated in the culinary arts and have suggestions for the experienced. Index. 641.5
The summer kitchen (Mrs. Appleyard's, of course), by Mrs. L.A. Kent and Mrs. E.K. Gay (Houghton. $3.50. 641.5) combines amusing patter with inviting recipes for May through October. Decorations.

Fiction

Balchin, Nigel. Last recollections of my Uncle Charles. Rinehart. $3.50.
Tales with a twist related from long experience as "a professional guest" ironically reveal unexpected facets of human nature.

Bedford, Sybille. A legacy. Simon & Schuster. $3.50.
The extravagance and sophistication of pre-World War I Germany is brilliantly evoked in scenes and conversations that describe the union of a noble, Catholic family with a rich, Jewish clan and the later advent of an English beauty, mother of the narrator.

Betts, Mrs. Doris. Tall houses in winter. Putnam. $4.50.
In a protracted, sensitive narrative, a teacher in a Northern girls' college returns to his native Southern town to contemplate an operation for cancer, recall his love for his brother's wife and make friends with her orphaned son -- who may be his own. Frank sex scenes.

Bond, Ruskin. The room on the roof. Coward-McCann. $3.
Filled with the sights and scents and color of India, this fresh and delicate, short novel tells of dreamy, 16-year-old Rusty, who runs away from his stern English guardian, makes friends with native boys in the bazaar and discovers that he is a half-caste.

YP *Byron, Gilbert. The Lord's oysters. Little. $4.50.
RH Little Noah, the waterman's son, recalls childhood escapades on Maryland's Eastern shore, adventures with his outdoors-loving Dad, schooling and the discipline of his loving Mama, all flavorsomely related.

YP Cecil, Henry, pseud. Friends at court. Harper. $3.
RH After 12 successful years, Roger Thursby, naive junior barrister of Brothers in law (1955), is about to be appointed a Queen's Counsel and this is the entertaining tale of his unorthodox handling of a police bribery case and his courtship of the Chief Constable's daughter.

YP *Charques, Dorothy. The dark stranger. Coward-McCann. $3.95.
R A distinguished novel of the Cromwellian period centered in attractive Elizabeth Devize, reared in her aunt's Royalist household but bound to Parliament's cause, for which her father died, by her love for Captain Swallow of Cromwell's army.

Dickens, Monica. The angel in the corner. Coward-McCann. $3.75.
In not always plausible but vivid episodes, crowded with odd people and amusing incidents, 20-year-old Virginia Martin defies her divorced mother, en route to America with a new husband, by marrying shady, violent Joe Colonna and remaining in London where she experiences hardship and tragedy as she matures. Sophisticated.

Macaulay, Rose. The towers of Trebizond. Farrar. $3.75.
With her lively Aunt Dot who loves to travel under the guise of studying the position of women, and with Father Chantry-Pigg, concerned with Anglican missions, Laurie, in love with a married cousin, voyages to far places and here, in a kind of journal written with literary distinction, relates her random thoughts and personal tragedy.

Nabokov, Vladimir. Pnin. Doubleday. $3.50.
Awkward, eccentric Professor Pnin, Russian expatriate, teacher in a northeastern United States college, is the protagonist in these ironic, highly original sketches,four of which have appeared in The New Yorker.

YP Nemerov, Howard. The Homecoming Game. Simon & Schuster. $3.50.
RH What happens on a small college campus when a conscientious young history professor who fails the popular football star is subjected to pressure from students, faculty and alumni is skilfully unfolded in a meaningful satire.

YP *Pidoll, Carl. Eroica, a novel about Beethoven; tr. by Anthony Powell.
RH Vanguard. $3.50.
In the form of a memoir by a lifelong friend, Beethoven is authentically evoked against the background of his period as an aloof genius who expressed himself in his work.

YP Rayner, D.A. The enemy below. Holt. $3.
R Exciting fictional account of a battle between a British destroyer and a German submarine, describing the ingenious tactics of each captain and both crews' reactions to the long pursuit and delay before the actual engagement.

The 3rd week in May will mark the 21st annual celebration of the Children's Spring Book Festival sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune. Cash prizes of $200 each will be awarded to the three best children's books published this spring in three age groups. Planned to encourage the spring publication of books for young people, the Festival gives nation-wide publicity to the winners as well as to 12 Honor Books named by the judges. These, and other new books for boys and girls will be featured in the special Children's Spring Book Festival Issue of the Herald Tribune Book Review of May 12. Libraries, schools and bookstores throughout the country are planning book fairs and exhibits of interest to both parents and children during the week of May 12-19.

The posters, designed by Leonard Weisgard, are available at postage cost and copies of the May 12 issue of the Herald Tribune may be ordered at special rates. For further information, address: Joan Rothschild, New York Herald Tribune, 230 West 41 Street, New York 36, New York.

SOME EARLY SPRING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Suggested by the following committee, under the chairmanship of Mabel B. Bell:

Mabel B. Bell, Children's Librarian, New York Public Library: PICTURE STORY BOOKS.

Anne Izard, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Circulation, New York Public Library: MIDDLE-AGED GROUP.

Elnora W. Jackson, Young Adult Librarian, New York Public Library: FOR TEEN-AGERS.

PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Alain. The magic stones; the story of the arch; il. by the author. Whittlesey. $2.50.
A skilful blending of legend and factual information centered on the use of the arch in the development of French architecture. Well-designed pictures in black and white and in color.

Asbjornsen, P.C. Three billy goats Gruff; il. by Marcia Brown. Harcourt. $3.
An excellent retelling of a favorite folk tale. Strong, sweeping colors and a good text capture the spirit of the Norwegian countryside.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline and the bad hat; il. by the author. Viking. $3.50.
Madeline is here again. This time a boy is introduced to add confusion to the lives of "twelve little girls in two straight lines." While the pictures are jolly and gay, the text lacks the zest of the previous books.

Fatio, Louise. The happy lion roars; il. by Roger Duvoisin. Whittlesey. $2.
Romance creeps into the third book about the "Happy Lion." He was very unhappy until he kidnaped a mate, the beautiful lioness.

Fischer, Hans and the Grimm brothers. The good for nothing; il. by the author. Harcourt. $2.75.
The first American edition of an enchanting German picture book about Chanticleer and Partlet. German title: "Das Lumpengesindel." Humorous, colorful crayon drawings by the artist of Pitschi.

Francoise, pseud. What do you want to be? il. by the author. Scribner. $2.75.
Another Francoise for the youngest readers who dream of growing up and of what they want to be. While the text is simple, the real charm of this book lies in the pictures.

George, Jean. The hole in the tree; il. by the author. Dutton. $2.50.
Two small children watch a succession of small animals develop and grow through a hole in an old apple tree. Excellent nature study in words and pictures.

Hill, Donna. Not one more day; il. by the author. Viking. $2.50.
A little Spanish boy surprises his family by bringing home a much-needed donkey to help with the farm work. Gold and black drawings give the flavor of Spain.

Krauss, Ruth. The birthday party; il. by Maurice Sendak. Harper. $1.75.
An imaginative, childlike story in rhyme and sensitive drawings of a little boy's surprise birthday party.

Miller, Mary Britton. Give a guess; poems il. by Juliet Kepes. Pantheon. $2.25.

"Is it a monkey
Or a donkey
Or a pony or a goat
Who wears a beard
Beneath his throat?"

This delightful book of rhymes is just right for sharing aloud with the very young. Soft, appealing illustrations.

Nicolas, pseud. Coral Island; il. by the author. Doubleday. $2.75.
With just a thread of story and brilliant, dramatic pictures, Nicolas relates the adventures of a South Sea Island boy who dives for pearl shells. The artist's knowledge and love for Tahiti is reflected throughout the book.

Palazzo, Tony. Bianco and the New World; il. by the author. Viking. $2.75.
Big, bold pictures and simple text tell how a donkey and his master from Italy came to New York and found work in a circus.

Seuss, Dr., pseud. Cat in the hat; il. by the author. Random. $2.
An original nonsense reader which is recommended enthusiastically as a picture book as well as a reader. Complete departure from the usual dull and unimaginative books of this type.

Tresselt, Alvin. Wake up city; il. by Roger Duvoisin. Lothrop. $2.50.
Gay picture book which shows New York waking up.

Watson, Nancy Dingman. Annie's spending spree; pictures by Alden Watson. Viking. $2.50.
A lively picture tale of a child who shops for a birthday gift in a country store and incidently learns the value of a dollar bill. Charming pictures.

Wiig, Hanna. The tale of tiny Tutak. il. Lippincott. $1.25.
An attractive, little book about an Eskimo boy's first hunt. Sensitive water color drawing and good printing. First American edition of a well-known Norwegian title.

FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED

Bloch, Marie Halun. Marya of Clark Ave. Coward-McCann. $2.75.
The "Library Lady" is one of Marya's best friends in this story of a warmhearted Ukrainian family living in Cleveland and sharing its traditional celebrations with all the neighborhood.

Bowers, Gwendolyn. The last dragon of Wessex; il. by Charles Geer. Oxford. $3.
History and legend blend in an exciting adventure and mystery story of the time of King Alfred. The boy Wulf discovers his true identity and unravels the secret of Merlin's prophecy for the country.

Bowman, James Cloyd. Mike Fink. Little, Brown. $3.
This past master of tall tales has woven the Ohio and Mississippi legends about Mike Fink into a companion volume for his Pecos Bill and Paul Bunyan.

Bragdon, Elspeth. That Jud! Viking. $2.50.
Jud, a boy in his early teens, struggles to make a place for himself in a small town in Maine with a fair share of troubles and good friends.

Carlson, Natalie Savage. Hortense, the cow for a queen; il. by Nicolas Harcourt. $2.75.
A motherly cow from Normandy travels to Arabia and back before she finds her lost calf with Marie Antoinette at Petit Trianon. The illustrations add to the fun of a joking text.

Church, Richard. Down river. John Day. $2.75.
New cave adventures of the Tomahawk gang will be welcomed by all who enjoyed Five boys in a cave though their tangle with smugglers is not as exciting as their original explorations.

Clark, Billy C. The trail of the hunter's horn; il. by Veronica Reed. Putnam. $2.95.
A Kentucky boy first has to earn his hound puppy and then learn both to appreciate him and to understand the power of faith in an emergency. This new writer understands the beauty of simple language.

Denneborg, H.M. Grisella the donkey; trans. from the German by Emile Capouya; il. by Horst Lemke. McKay. $2.75.
A waif falls heir to a small donkey who can talk at midnight. The amusing story of his adventures with her paint a gay picture of Italy and its people.

Downing, Charles. Russian tales and legends; il. by Joan Kiddell-Monroe. Oxford. $3.50.
The 7th volume of the Oxford myths and legends includes the epic heroes as well as the traditional folk and fairy tales.

Eager, Edward. Magic by the lake; il. by N.M. Bodecker. Harcourt. $2.95.
This sequel to Half magic finds the children spending what's left of the summer wishing "wet wishes" by a magic lake. The combination of real children and fantasy is convincing and funny.

Garfield, James. Follow my leader; il. by Robert Greiner. Viking. $2.75.
Blinded by an accident, a 12-year-old boy readjusts to his world with the help of a teacher and a Seeing Eye dog. The book does not gloss over the boy's difficulties and gives an interesting description of his training.

Guillot, Rene. The 397th White Elephant; il. by Moyra Leatham and trans. by Owen Marsh. Criterion Books. $2.75.
Beauty in text and illustration distinguishes this Indian legend in which

a child ruler finds happiness and faith through his association with a miraculous white elephant.

Hofsinde, Robert. Indian games and crafts. Morrow. $2.50.
These detailed instructions for making and playing 12 North American Indian games are clear, the diagrams and illustrations have exact measurements and the materials to be used are easily obtained.

Henry, Jan. Tiger's chance; il. by Hilary Knight. Harcourt. $2.75.
At just the right moment Rajah, the tiger rug, uses his magic whiskers to take Jennifer and Midnight, the cat, to his Punjab jungle for one wonderful night. This gay, original fantasy is perfect for family reading.

Lavelle, Elsie. The man who was chosen; the story of Pope Pius XII. Whittlesey House. $2.75.
This newspaperwoman's account of the life of Pope Pius XII is factual in approach and careful to strike the right balance between vital statistics and human interest stories.

Lindquist, Willis. Call of the white fox; il. by P.A. Hutchison. Whittlesey. $2.75.
Mark's pet fox leads him by accident to a better way of hunting caribou, rids the Eskimos of one superstition and makes peace between two tribes.

MacDonald, Betty. Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle; drawings by Hilary Knight. Lippincott. $2.50.
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle continues to pass out her cures to desperate parents who can no longer abide the characteristics of their children. The slowpoke, the crybaby, the bully, the whisperer — each gets a separate chapter guaranteed to tickle all funny bones.

Selden, George. The garden under the sea. Viking. $2.75.
The sea creatures decide to make a garden to rival the one Howard and Janet are making near their summer home on the Long Island shore. In this delightful fantasy each species of marine life is endowed with a distinct personality in keeping with its native characteristics.

Syme, Ronald. De Soto, finder of the Mississippi. Morrow. $2.50.
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Weales, Gerald. Mrs. Grimsbee is a witch; il. by Lita Scheel Atlantic. Little, Brown. $2.75.
The 4th grade teacher refuses to believe there are witches in the world so Jimmy calls on his witch friend to do the convincing with hilarious results.

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When a Vermont tomboy moves into a New York City apartment anything can happen and does. Truly's new friends find her a place to live when she proves to be too much for the landlady.

White, Anne R. The uninvited donkey. Viking. $2.75.
The family is commissioned to look after the donkey by a favorite uncle but Fra Diavolo is spoiled, persistent, and happy only when treated as a member of the family.

Wriston, Hildreth. Susan's secret; il. by W.T. Mars. Ariel Books. $2.75.
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A wholesome story about a young girl approaching her senior year who has not realized her ambition — that of being a reporter on the school paper.

Courtney, Gwendoline. Those Verney girls. Watts. 1957. $2.75.
True-to-life story of a stepmother brought to a family of four adolescent girls long used to their own decisions.

Douglas, Gilbert. Hardnose. Crowell. 1957. $2.75.
Sparkling adventure of Dean Canady, high school senior, who has not yet developed self-confidence and his experiences that play an important role in building up self-esteem.

Ferris, Helen. Girls, girls, girls. Watts. 1957. $3.
An anthology of stories with emphasis on the various problems of teen-age life (love, family relationships and the pursuit of happiness.) Well-known authors are represented.

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The well-known author of dog stories presents a gripping account of two husky bucks — prize game of the forest — and a young boy, Ted, who runs a hunting camp in the wild country of Pennsylvania. Good outdoor adventure.

Noble, Iris. Joseph Pulitzer, front page pioneer. Messner. 1957. $2.95.
A concise, dramatic biography of Pulitzer showing his amazing genius in the newspaper world and how he became one of America's most renowned journalists and publishers.

North, Sterling. George Washington, frontier colonel. Random. 1957. $1.95.
An admirable biography of Washington focused on his boyhood life and his participation in the French and Indian War.

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Growing problems of a 9th grade girl who is falling more and more in love with the star of the football team.

Sherburne, Zoa. The high white wall. Morrow. 1957. $2.75.
How Leeann's summer job in the wealthy section of town quickens her sense of the better side of life. The "high white wall" — symbol for prosperity and material wealth — stood as her goal.

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Routine life of a rookie ranger during his first winter in the High Sierras combating outlaw trappers. Exciting incident based on the rescue of a crashed plane high in the mountains.

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For Your Information

GENERAL NEWS

Edited by Henry G. Shearouse, Jr., Edgar Tompkins, Marion H. Vedder

Important Change in Examination Procedure: The joint Public Librarians Certification and Civil Service Examination which will be held on April 27, 1957, will be used to fill Civil Service positions for Junior Librarians in the New York State service as well as the positions of Junior Librarian, Senior Librarian I and Library Director I in the public libraries of the state which operate under Civil Service. The filing period for those persons applying for Civil Service has been extended to April 5, 1957.

State Library Exhibit: Sponsored by the Regents, an extensive exhibit in observance of the 200th anniversary of Alexander Hamilton's birth will be on display in the rotunda of the State Library at the end of April. Dr. Charles F. Gosnell is chairman. Documentation in regard to Hamilton's participation in Regents and New York State activities will be featured.

Federal Aid for Rural Library Service: Irving A. Verschoor announces that, to date, implementation of the three-point plan as outlined in the February Bookmark (p.122) is as follows:

1. Traveling Libraries has ordered $3000 worth of library materials to be used for rural library service.
2. Two of the professional positions will be filled by provisional appointees as soon as Civil Service clearance is obtained. A third professional position will be filled on August 1, 1957. The clerical positions are expected to be filled from existing Civil Service lists.
3. Inasmuch as the bookmobile will represent an expenditure of between $18,000 and $20,000, a careful study of all comparable bookmobiles in the state has been made. A conference to settle the final specifications was held on March 25, 1957 between the builder whose design we favor and a representative of the Division of Standards and Purchase.

Approximately $500 of the Federal Funds are being devoted to experiment and provide equipment for the reference service of the blind who live in rural areas with no library service. Answers to the problems, and questions that stem from their use of Talking Books will be answered by Library for the Blind in cooperation with the State Library by audio means. The problem is to find a means of recording that will adapt itself to the several modes of Talking Book machines now in use by our blind readers.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Jean L. Connor and I. Marie Gustafson, Library Extension

Albany. The third in the Albany Public Library's spring series of "Evenings with Books" will be on April 8 when Dr. Townsend Rich, faculty member of New York State College for Teachers will talk on "Changing Styles in

the 20th Century Novel." On April 29 John J. Raffone from the General Electric Company, in observance of the Geophysical Year, will speak on the topic "Earth in Astronautics; Even Jules Verne Would be Surprised." The Albany Public Library started its spring series of "Evenings with Books" on March 11. Mrs. Alice H. McCullen, musician and composer, presented an evening of music appreciation with recordings. On March 25 WGY radio personality, Mrs. Pauline Snook, talked on "Spring on the Farm." These meetings were held at Harmanus Bleecker Library at 7:45 p.m. and are open to the public without charge. -- Delmar Public Library has established a lending department featuring books and plays on which many TV, motion picture and radio presentations have been based.

Broome. A class in "Library Techniques" is being offered at the Binghamton Public Library beginning February 13, Carl Melinat, instructor. Binghamton Public Library 1957 budget includes sufficient processing funds to place plasticleer covers on all new books. Previously only 40-49 per cent were so covered annually. -- Mrs. Ethel Conlon Smith, former children's librarian at Your Home Library Johnson City, has accepted the directorship at that library.

Chemung. Elmira Heights Branch of the Steele Memorial Library has moved to a more spacious location in the Elmira Heights Masonic Temple.

Columbia. After over 35 years of service to the community of Philmont, Mrs. Loda P. Harder has retired from the village library. Mrs. Claude Russell has been appointed librarian and has opened the library in new quarters provided by the village of Philmont.

Erie. Five scholarships of $800 each for graduate studies in library science are offered by the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Recipients are expected to accept employment with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library for a period of two years at the conclusion of their course of studies. Application forms may be obtained from Joseph B. Rounds, Director, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Lafayette Square, Buffalo 3, N. Y. The deadline for filing these applications is May 1, 1957.

Greene. During this winter, the Catskill Public Library added another service for its visitors -- that of posting skiing conditions for the convenience of winter sports enthusiasts.

Jefferson. A recent display at the Flower Memorial Library featured a collection of art done by the advanced oil painting class of the Watertown Adult Education class. -- A large oil painting of the old Ship House and mill at Sackets Harbor as they appeared in 1860 has been presented to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, Watertown. The artist, L.L. Lowell, was a Watertown man.

Kings. Brooklyn Public Library is sponsoring a "Series of Library Music Concerts" at its New Utrecht Branch with various co-sponsoring agencies. There is another series of health programs. -- A very popular exhibit at the Ingersoll Building of the Brooklyn Public Library was a display of Madonnas from the extensive collection of the Reverend Allen Maloof of the Church of the Virgin Mary, Brooklyn. -- A disastrous fire on

the Brooklyn waterfront called attention to the fact that Brooklyn Public Library is in the process of assembling a comprehensive collection of printed material on fire prevention and protection.

Madison. Canastota Public Library held open house to mark the opening of the new young adults browsing room.

Monroe. About 500 people came to the Rochester Public Library for the first of the six sessions in the "Making Your Money Work for You" series. This promises a big success for the investment seminar which the Library is offering in conjunction with the Rochester Investment Analysts Society. Proving equally popular are the noon-time authors' programs, honoring local authors by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. -- The Monroe County Library Club is promoting a special two-year recruitment program of the Rochester Public Library.

Montgomery. The 1957 Civic Service Awards given by Starr-Colorito Post, VFW, were presented to Mrs. John Bilobrowka, Librarian, and Adam J. Horn, President of the Board of Margaret Reaney Memorial Library, St. Johnsville.

Nassau. Floral Park Public Library is presenting a series of color, sound film programs in the courtroom of the Village Hall. The film showings are preceded by half-hour record concerts and followed by social hours in the Library. In addition to these film programs sponsored by the Library, the Friends of the Floral Park Public Library is bringing the community a popular series of special events in a range of interesting topics. — Harold G. Thompson has been elected president of the Friends of the Farmingdale Library. — Ground breaking ceremonies were held in January for the addition to the Freeport Memorial Library's building. — The North Merrick Library Committee is seeking taxpayer support for its proposal to build this community's first public library. They hope to establish a library of more than 12,000 books. — Special book collections featured at the Freeport Memorial Library during January included books from the list "60 years of Best Sellers" and books, both fiction and nonfiction based on the Old Testament. — The new Seaford Public Library opened officially on March 2. The trustees of the Library were hosts at an open house celebration. -- On February 6 was held a joint meeting of the Nassau County Library Association and the Nassau-Suffolk School Librarians Association. This meeting was held in Rockville Centre for a panel discussion on "How to Get Teachers to Use the Public and School Libraries."

New York. Two members of the New York Public Library staff have been awarded grants from the Ralph A. Beals Scholarship Fund, it has been announced by Edward G. Freehafer, Director of the Library. The two winners are Mrs. Erika Hirschberg and Alvin Skipsna. The scholarships honoring the late Mr. Beals are made possible by donations from the staff who stipulate that the funds cannot be limited to any one group of employees. All staff members are eligible to apply, so long as the purpose for which they request the scholarship is related in some manner to the services of the Library. — Besides the Beals memorial grant, Mr. Freehafer also announced the names of awards from the Library's General Scholarship Fund. Seventeen staff members will receive grants-in-aid to be used as partial payment of their spring tuition at library

school. — Charlotte J. Hubach, after 30 years with the New York Public Library, retired as librarian of the Ottendorfer Branch. — Margaret C. Scoggin, moderator of WMCA's public service program "Young Book Reviewers," received a Marshall Field Award consisting of $2,000 and an inscribed scroll of notable achievement in education by radio contributing to the well-being of children. Miss Scoggin, who is coordinator of Young Adult Services in the New York Public Library, received the award, which is the only one of its kind, in a special ceremony at the Library on February 25.

Onondaga. Services to women by the Branch Libraries of the Syracuse Public Library were widely publicized through a full-page, illustrated feature in the Syracuse Herald-American. — The Syracuse Public Library participated in a county-wide assembly of Explorer Scouts with a book display and a special book list. — Mrs. Joseph P. Lowe was elected President of the Camillus Library for 1957. Use of the library increased greatly last year.

Orange. The Highland Falls Library has set up a station service for the people of Fort Montgomery with the help of the PTA and others. — The Town of Crawford Free Library of Pine Bush reports the installation of an oil burner and a new roof as major improvements to the library's building. — A public meeting was held on March 28 by the Orange County Council of Community Services to discuss the overall problems of the 19 public libraries in the county. The session was held at the central school in Goshen.

Orleans. "All About Books," the Orleans County Home Bureau's present project, includes a tour of the Swan Library's (Albion) collections and practice in the use of the card catalog and periodical indexes.

Queens. Pamphlets are increasingly popular with patrons of the Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, according to Margaret Clark, reference librarian. The Forest Hills Branch of the Library has been closed down to make room for a new building, five times as large. — In presenting the Queens Borough Public Library's 1957 expense budget request at the departmental hearing, George J. Balbach, President of the Board of Trustees, laid stress on the vital need for 164 new positions in order to maintain current library service in Queens. — A course sponsored by the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare and the Queens Borough Public Library is being held in the Central Library in a series of eight weekly sessions. — Mary C. Barter of the Elmhurst Branch has been selected by the New York Library Club for scholarship assistance.

Rensselaer. Sixteen librarians and trustees of libraries in Rensselaer County met recently at Troy Public Library to consider forming a county library. The pros and cons of the question were discussed. Dr. Lewis Froman, a trustee of Troy Public Library, was chairman. I. Marie Gustafson of the Library Extension Division of the New York State Library represented the State and answered questions. The meeting adjourned without taking any action as many of those present wished to consult with their local boards.

St. Lawrence. Among new Friends of the Library groups is that formed by the Norwood Library. — The Onondaga Art Guild Traveling Show was on

exhibit at the Ogdensburg Public Library, February 4-28. Included in the show were 32 pictures by 17 artists. The Ogdensburg Art Guild co-sponsored this show with the Public Library.

Saratoga. The 30th anniversary of the Corinth Free Library was observed with a silver tea Sunday afternoon January 27, sponsored by the Board of Trustees. Over 75 Friends of the Library attended. Several interesting exhibits from the Adult Education Groups featured rug hooking, oil painting, wood carving and local history.

Steuben. Twenty-four families interested in the Addison Public Library have organized a reading club for the younger children. Much interest is being shown in this experiment. The parents buy the books, circulate them among their own children and then place them in the public library. — The public library in Atlanta reports new library signs and World Book Encyclopedia. Also, the library has acquired a wall clock in memory of J.A. Otto, who was a trustee of this library for 35 years. — Corning Memorial Library has started a union location file for Steuben County. — Hornell Public Library has joined the Canadian Film Library. — Wayland Free Library has announced the appointment of Mrs. William Harris as librarian to replace Mrs. Cooley, resigned.

Westchester. The Field Library of Peekskill announces the organization of a Friends of the Field Library. — Currently on display in the First Avenue foyer of the Mount Vernon Public Library is an exhibition of trophies and ribbons won by Champion Charlene Heidi and Champion Cosburn's Esquire, two of the best miniature Schnauzers in eastern United States. — Instead of the regular Story Hour in the Children's Room of the Mount Vernon Public Library on February 9, the Children's Drama Group, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Hans and sponsored by the Mount Vernon Recreation Commission, presented a play for children. At the same hour Norma Weatherwax, Children's Librarian, held a Picture Book Hour for the children of preschool age. — The Annual Meeting of the Westchester Library Association will be held at the Scarsdale Public Library on Wednesday May 8, 1957. Margaret A. Kateley, Librarian, is Program Chairman. Chief speaker will be Dr. John W. Gardner. President of the Carnegie Corporation and a Trustee of the Scarsdale Public Library. The subject of his talk will be "The Role of Educated Talent in Society Today." — Katharine M. Holden, director of the Mount Vernon Public Library, recently spoke on mobile library service to the Ardsley PTA. — Alice Jewett, former director of Mount Vernon Public Library, is working with the Library Services Branch of the Office of Education in Washington as a special consultant on the new Federal Library Aid program. — A varied artistic display of wood blocks, etchings and drawings was featured in February by the Mount Vernon Public Library.

Yates. The Yates County Planning Committee met in Penn Yan on February 6. The Board of Trustees of the Woman's Study Club and Library, Dundee has endorsed the Steuben-Yates multi-county plan.

Yates-Steuben. The Board of Supervisors of Yates County has voted to study the proposed Steuben-Yates multi-county library plan with the Steuben Board of Supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Reviewed by Irving A. Verschoor, Library Extension

American Library Association. Coordinating committee on revision of public library standards. Public library service; a guide to evaluation, with minimum standards. ALA, 1956. $1.50 paper
Supplement, Costs of public library service in 1956. 65¢ paper; combined price, $2.

In 1933 and again in 1942 the American Library Association established minimum standards of good library service. Because of far-reaching post-war changes the Public Libraries Division with financial aid from the Carnegie Corporation formulated these new standards which were officially adopted by ALA in 1956.

The dominant idea embodied in the new standards is that every individual should have the free use of public library service available in his local community. The pervading motif is that this goal can only be attained by cooperative action.

The plan here presented is divided into principles and standards which are neither qualitative nor quantitative -- they are goals designed to help the individual reader obtain library materials and services that are beyond his immediate reach by the utilization of a network composed of community libraries, central libraries and the state and national libraries banded together either informally or formally in a coordinated system of library service.

The aspects of library service that are covered in the "new standards" are (1) framework of the library system and how it works, (2) service, (3) library materials, (4) personnel, (5) organization and control of materials, and (6) the physical facilities of the library.

In order to avoid quantitative interpretation of the standards and yet make provision for the translation of standard library service into costs, a supplement has been prepared entitled Costs of public library service in 1956.

Further helpful material has been prepared by a subcommittee on promotion of the ALA standards. These materials are expected to be available from ALA sometime before the summer of 1957:

1. Leaflet--small enough to be placed in an ordinary envelope.
2. Condensation--an eight-page summary designed to provide a review of the standards in a concise style.
3. Discussion Manual for the use of groups in exploring and understanding the part played by cooperation and coordination in developing modern library service.
4. Filmstrip--a filmstrip in color using both photographs and cartoons of about 15 minutes viewing time. With the aid of a text and music it will present highlights of the standards.

Several points should be emphasized in using this document. It must be remembered that the standards are for library systems -- and that the writing of the various sections of the document is not always even. A conscious effort must be made to avoid reading a specific library into a particular standard.

Seventy guiding principles offer an excellent philosophy for any library -- system or individual. The standards -- 191 of them provide a measure of achievement of the principle under which it stands. These

standards may provide a means of arriving at a partial evaluation of a library system, but care must be taken that the whole purpose be taken into consideration or the evaluation will prove erroneous.

These standards have been viewed by the Standards Committee of the New York Library Association and will play a part in the October meeting of the Association. They are also being used as a basic frame of reference for the state-wide studies now being conducted by the Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service.

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DISTINGUISHED CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF 1956

Selected by the Book Evaluation Committee, Children's Library Association, American Library Association.

Cartier sails the St. Lawrence, retold by Esther Averill. Harper. $3.
And the waters prevailed, by D. Moreau Barringer. Dutton. $3.
Castle on the border, by Margot Benary-Isbert. Harcourt. $3.
The flying carpet, by Marcia Brown. Scribner. $3.
Hah-Nee of the Cliff Dwellers, by Mary and Conrad Buff. Houghton. $3.
Stories from Shakespeare, by Marchette Chute. World. $3.75.
The house of sixty fathers, by Meindert DeJong. Harper. $2.50.
Lion, by William Pene du Bois. Viking. $3.
Mister Penny's race horse, by Marie Hall Ets. Viking. $2.
The little bookroom, Eleanor Farjeon's short stories for children chosen by herself. Oxford. $2.75.
Jeanne-Marie in gay Paris, by Francoise. Scribner. $2.75.
The fairy doll, by Rumer Godden. Viking. $2.50.
The last battle, by C. S. Lewis. Macmillan. $2.75.
The story of the "Old Colony" of New Plymouth, 1620-1692, by Samuel Eliot Morison. Knopf. $3.50.
I know a lot of things, by Ann and Paul Rand. Harcourt. $2.75.
This way, delight, a book of poetry for the young. Selected by Herbert Read. Pantheon. $3.50.
A tree is nice, by Janice May Udry. Harper. $2.50.
Miracles on Maple Hill, by Virginia Sorensen. Harcourt. $2.95.
Treasures to see, a museum picture-book by Leonard Weisgard. Harcourt. $3.

NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS

The 8th annual National Book Awards, cosponsored by the American Book Publishers Council, the American Booksellers Association and the Book Manufacturers Institute, were presented on March 12 in New York City. The field of vision, by Wright Morris (Harcourt), won the fiction award; Russia leaves the war, by George F. Kennan (Princeton Univ.), the nonfiction award; Things of this world, by Richard Wilbur (Harcourt), the poetry award. For the first time, cash prizes of $1,000 were given to each of the winners.

EXCURSIONS INTO FAMILY READING

Butterworth, Oliver. The enormous egg. Little, Brown. $2.95.
Hilarious complications result when a dinosaur is hatched from a hen's egg. (9-12)

Cleary, Beverly. Beezus and Ramona. Morrow. $2.50.
The havoc created by an irrespressible four-year-old exasperates her big sister. (8-10)

Fenner, Phyllis. Giggle box. Knopf. $3.
A collection of mirth-provoking tales for boys and girls. (9-12)

Henderson, Le Grand. Matilda. Abingdon. $2.
A tall tale of a goat who leads a football team to victory. (8-10)

Hunt, Mabel L. Miss Jellytot's visit. Lippincott. $2.50.
It's fun for a little girl to dress up and be a guest in her own home. (8-10)

Kipling, Rudyard. Just so stories; illus. by Nicolas. Garden City. $2.95.
Lively and sweeping pictures enhance these well-loved stories. (6-12)

Lear, Edward. ... Nonsense book; selected and illustrated by Tony Palazzo. Garden City. $2.50.
Bold, colorful illustrations will bring these whimsical verses to a new audience. (7-10)

Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking. Viking. $2.
There's jolly spoofing in the antics of an inventive Swedish girl who lives alone. (9-11)

MacGregor, Ellen. Miss Pickerell goes to Mars. McGraw-Hill. $2.25.
An old lady is surprised to find herself aboard a space ship. (9-12)

Martignoni, Margaret, ed. The Illustrated treasury of children's literature. Grosset. $4.95.
A potpourri of old and new favorites especially designed for browsing and reading aloud. (5-12)

Read, Herbert. This way, delight; a book of poetry for the young. Pantheon. $3.50.
For pure enjoyment — poetry to weave a spell. (6-12)

Wilson, Hazel. Herbert. Knopf. $2.50.
This boy's hobbies often lead to comical and unexpected results. (9-12)

Selected by Mabel Berry, Specialist in Work with Schools, and Frances Libby, Regional Children's Librarian, Brooklyn Public Library, for the Children's and Young People's Section of NYLA;
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